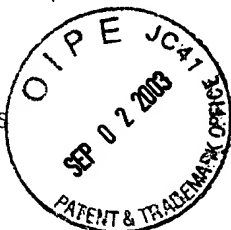


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PRODUCTS AND METHODS USING SAME  
Our Ref. No. 180/104/2

Sir:

Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application the following documents:

1. An Amendment B (6 pages); and
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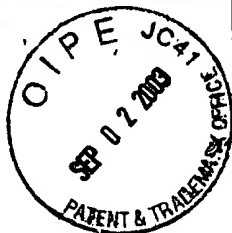
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AMENDMENT B

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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated August 8, 2003 (hereinafter, "the Official Action"), having a two-month term for Response that expires on October 8, 2003. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.